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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/024,894	Applicant(s) WOJCIK, STEVEN	
	Examiner Matthew F DeSanto	Art Unit 3763	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/14/04.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,12-14 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,12-14 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bobroff et al. (US Pub 2003/0225373).

Bobroff et al. disclosed an angled infusion set having a cannula assembly including a cannula housing and a cannula extending from the housing, an inserter housing having a bottom wall, a retainer, and a base member (914, 916, 918) that forms an acute angle that is approximately 30 degrees; as well as wherein the first release lever is biased in a second rotational direction opposite the first rotational direction thus causing the lever to engage and hold the retainer (Figures 30-34, 41-58 and entire reference).

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Safabash et al. (USPN 6,293,925).

Safabash et al. disclosed an angled infusion set having a cannula assembly including a cannula housing and a cannula extending from the housing, an inserter housing having a bottom wall, a retainer, and a base member (603) that forms an acute angle that is approximately 30 degrees, as well as wherein the first release lever is biased in a second rotational direction

opposite the first rotational direction thus causing the lever to engage and hold the retainer (Figures 41-49, and entire reference).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, filed 10/14/04, with respect to the rejections of claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 17 have been fully considered and are not persuasive.

5. The applicant argues that the release button does not move in a direction substantially normal to the insertion axis. The examiner disagrees with the arguments by the applicant because the applicant is arguing the direction of the press force, which is not in the claim. The claim discloses the movement of the release button, not the pressure force. The examiner would also like to note that the buttons in the prior art moves in a direction substantially normal to the insertion axis, because the statement of substantially normal to the insertion axis is extremely broad. There is no orientation given or direction given to the movement of the button. Also the term substantially broadens the claim language and the term normal does not disclose any structural or functional limitation.

6. Therefore, since the prior art have buttons that move in a similar direction to the insertion axis (can be seen in figures 43 and [Fig # 51 of Bobroff et al.]), the examiner has concluded that the prior art read on the specific claim limitations that are argued by the applicant.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew F DeSanto whose telephone number is 1-703-305-3292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick LUCCHESI can be reached on (703) 308-2698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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